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Powerful Strategic Rationale

Accelerates diversification and growth within GOM

Adds proved reserves at an attractive price

Ideal overlap of Shelf assets

-

Provides inherent operational efficiencies

-

Operating and G&A savings

-

Ability to expand and high grade exploratory program

High operated status of combined assets

Balanced gas/oil production ratio (65% gas/35% oil)

Strengthens

Strengthens

GOM Presence

GOM Presence

(1)

(1)

Enhances

Enhances

Ability to Compete

Ability to Compete

Establishes Meaningful

Establishes Meaningful

Position in Rocky Mountains

Position in Rocky Mountains

and Williston Basin

and Williston Basin

Diversification onshore

Low cost entry

Continue active E&P program

-

Acquisition of exploration and exploitation acreage

-

Exploration and exploitation drilling

-

Reserve and production growth

Experienced team in place

(1) Includes impact of Stone's proposed Amberjack acquisition (Mississippi Canyon 109/108)

Augments

Augments

Employee Base

Employee Base

People already in place to execute operating strategy

Experienced operating, technical, financial and administrative staff

Provides increased scale, scope and cash flow to pursue wide range of opportunities

-

GOM Shelf, deepwater and deep Shelf

- Onshore Louisiana, Rocky Mountains and Williston Basin
- International

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Transaction Overview

Fully financed by Bank of America

Committed to an immediate debt reduction plan

Anticipate hedging a substantial percentage of production
in 2007 and 2008

\$1.4 billion equity value

\$2.2 billion enterprise value

SEC filings and other customary regulatory approvals

EPL & Stone shareholder approval

Closing expected in early Q4 2006

Price

Price

Consideration

Consideration

Financing

Financing

Path Forward

Path Forward

\$51 per share: cash or stock

Subject to a collar and other limitations

Number of EPL shares issued for each Stone share under a stock election will range from 2.525 to 2.066

Maximum number of EPL shares to be issued: ~35 million

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Thorough Due Diligence Review

Covered key functions and operating groups

Focused on:

Reserves

Storm losses and related insurance coverage

Shareholder litigation/SEC inquiry

Potential cost savings and operational/administrative synergies

Upside potential identified:

Numerous Shelf exploitation and exploration opportunities

Proposed acquisition of additional interest in Amberjack
(Mississippi Canyon 109/108)

Deepwater and deep Shelf portfolio

Growing Rocky Mountains and Williston Basin acreage position

Bohai

Bay, China concessions

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Pro Forma Reserves
(1,2)
94%
Gulf of
Mexico
72%
Rocky Mountain &
Williston Basins
22%
Onshore
6%
Gulf of
Mexico
Onshore
6%
EPL Reserve Profile

EPL Reserve Profile
Stone Reserve Profile
Stone Reserve Profile
Pro Forma Reserve Profile
Pro Forma Reserve Profile

80%

6%

Gulf of
Mexico

Onshore

Rocky Mountain &
Williston Basins

14%

(1)

As of 12/31/05; includes reserve adds from Stone's proposed Amberjack acquisition

(2)

All
of

Stone's
reserves

expected

to

be

fully

engineered

by

independent

engineering

firms

prior

to

closing;

all

of

EPL's

reserves

fully

engineered by independent engineering firms

59.3 Mmboe

108.1 Mmboe

167.4 Mmboe

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Transaction expected to be immediately cash flow accretive

Assumes \$55 million in annual pre-tax cost savings from synergies

2007 capital

budget estimated at \$625 million

Combined

cash

flow

will

facilitate

substantial

reduction

of

debt

to

approximately 50% of book capitalization by end of 2008

Financial Highlights

Balanced drilling program and committed debt reduction plan

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Attractive acquisition cost
Comparison with Recent Transactions (2005-2006)
Stone
Acquisition
(1)
Corporate
Transactions*
Asset
Transactions*
\$20.63
\$ 25.48
\$26.98
\$24.57
\$ 22.48
\$0.00
\$10.00

\$20.00
\$30.00
(1)
Based
on
pro
forma
reserves
of
108.1
Mmboe
at
12/31/05
which
includes
Stone's
proposed
Amberjack
acquisition
and
assumes
\$51.00
per
share
purchase
price.
Based
on
EPL's
closing
price
of
\$18.02
on
June
22,
2006,
the
transaction
value
per
Boe
would
be
\$19.92.
*
See
Appendix
for
listing

of
recent
transactions
used
in
both
comparisons
Transaction value per Boe

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Strong EPL executive management team remains intact

Proven execution and integration capabilities

Headquarters remains in New Orleans

Maintain Lafayette and Denver office locations

Consolidate Houston offices in one location

Expand board from 11 to 14 to include three Stone directors

EPL shareholders retain majority ownership

Combined Company at a Glance

The right leadership and operating structure to capitalize
on future growth opportunities

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Stone Energy Corporation
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Stone Energy Corporation

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Stone and EPL: Premier GOM Operator
Combined
Combined
Company
Company
Assets
Assets
as
as
of
of
12/31/05
12/31/05
(1)
(1)
1)

Key fields:

EPL: ST 41, ST 26, East Bay

Stone: EW 305, MP 288, PL 23, VR 255

Balanced program of low, moderate and
high potential projects

Reserves

89% operated

48% oil and 52% gas

Eastern

Western

Central

(1)

Includes Stone's proposed Amberjack acquisition

(2)

Assumes restoration of Amberjack production at pre-Katrina rates

Expanded scale and scope of GOM operations offer
increased opportunities for growth

Combined Company GOM

Combined Company GOM

Production Diversification

Production Diversification

(1,2)

(1,2)

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EPL Shelf
EPL Onshore
EPL Deepwater
Stone Shelf
Stone Onshore
Stone Deepwater
Gulf of Mexico Blocks
EPL 120 Stone 151
Premier Combined GOM Position
AlaminosCanyon
Area
KeathleyCanyon

Area
Walker Ridge
Area
East Breaks
Area
Garden Banks
Area
Green Canyon
Area
Atwater
Galveston Area
South
Galveston Area
High Island
Area South
High Island
Area
High Island
East Area
High Island East
Area South
West Cameron
Area West
West Cameron
Area
West Cameron
Area South
East Cameron
Area South
East Cameron
Area
Vermilion
Area South
Vermilion Area
South
Marsh
Island
Area
South
Marsh
Island
Area
South
Eugene Island
Area
Eugene Island
Area South
Ship Shoal Area
Ship Shoal
Area South

South
Pelto
Area
South Timbalier
Area
South Timbalier
Area South
Grand
Isle
Area
Grand Isle
Area South
West Delta
Area
West Delta
Area South
Ewing Bank
Area
Mississippi Canyon
Area
VioscaKnoll
Area
VioscaKnoll
Area
Main Pass Area
South & East
Main Pass
Area
Breton Sound
Area
South Pass
Area South
South Pass
Area South
Mobile Area
Chandeleur
Sound
Area
Chandeleur
Sound
Area Addition
Chandeleur
Sound
Area

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Premier Combined GOM 3D Seismic Coverage

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Stone's Proposed Amberjack (MC 109/108) Acquisition

Attractive deepwater opportunity

\$191 million purchase price

Comparable to the overall cost per Boe
of the Stone acquisition

Upside potential in booked reserves

Four moderate risk prospects identified

Use
of
infrastructure
for
future
subsea
tie-backs

Acquired
net
production

of
5,000
Boe
per
day
(pre-Katrina)

Obtain operatorship
at closing
Transaction highlights

Stone exercised its preferential right to purchase an
additional interest

Subject to execution of purchase and sale agreement

Expect closing by early third quarter

Estimated restoration of production by year-end 2006

Working interest resulting from acquisition:

-
MC 109: 100% WI (Up from 33.3%)
-
MC 108: 24.8% WI (Up from 16.5%)

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Active Offshore Drillers -
Shelf

Source: James K. Dodson Company, based on number of operated wells drilled per year

HELIS

EXXONMOBIL

LLOG EXPL

W & T

ARENA OFFSHORE

ENERGY PARTNERS

BOIS D`ARC

REMINGTON

CHEVRON

APACHE

2005

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RANK
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W & T
ANADARKO
EXXONMOBIL
NEWFIELD EXPL
ENERGY PARTNERS
LLOG EXPL
ATP
DEVON ENERGY
W & T
ENERGY PARTNERS
APACHE
ARENA OFFSHORE
BOIS D`ARC
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BOIS D`ARC
LLOG EXPL
REMINGTON
REMINGTON
STONE ENERGY
STONE ENERGY
ENERGY PARTNERS/STONE
REMINGTON
EL PASO
CHEVRON
APACHE
LLOG EXPL
APACHE
CHEVRONTEXACO
CHEVRONTEXACO
2005 Pro Forma
2004
2003
Federal & State waters =<600

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High grade prospect inventory of combined company to achieve balanced drilling portfolio

Apply EPL s exploitation focus to Stone s legacy fields

Initial review of GOM Shelf yielded 60+ low risk opportunities
Tap into exploration upside in Stone s legacy fields and acreage

Large GOM acreage position in favorable exploration fairways

EPL has interests in three farm-outs on Stone-owned blocks, one of which has been drilled and is successful
Extensive 3D seismic coverage and undeveloped acreage to work

Shelf, deepwater and deep Shelf
Expanded GOM Exploration & Exploitation Strategy

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NEW ORLEANS
NEW ORLEANS
NEW ORLEANS
HOUSTON
HOUSTON
HOUSTON
GREATER BAY MARCHAND
EAST BAY
Update
on
EPL s

2006

Exploratory
Program

Shelf

&

Onshore

SP 26 Denali

ST 23 #CC4 ST

WC 202 #1

ST 42 #2

ST 42 #3

WC 25 #1

GA 189 #1

EC 268 #1

ST 23 #SB-15

EI 312 #1

VR 101 #1

SP 39 #2

EC 34 #1

HI A315 #1

SMI 79 #1

SMI 79 #E-1

WC 312 #1

HI A306 #1

WC 2/3 #1

GI 66 #1

WC 176 #13

Exploratory Wells

Scheduled (15)

Successful Wells (5)

Drilling (4)

High Potential Wells (7)

Unsuccessful Wells (3)

2006 Leases Sale Awards (8)

EC 109 #A-6

EC 109 #5

Four Rivers

Lakeside

Barracuda

Little Lake

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NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS

Update on EPL s

Deepwater 2006 Exploratory Program

Acquired 25% working interest

in 23 leases

13 identified prospects operated by

Noble Energy

First two wells drilled in 2006

were discoveries

Minimum of two additional wells by 2008

Two additional leases awarded in March 2006 Central Gulf Lease Sale

Redrock & Raton

discoveries:

-

Multiple pay zones encountered

-

Currently under evaluation

-

Development plans being formulated

Exploratory Wells

Successful Wells (2)

High Potential Wells (2)

Joint venture with Noble Energy, a proven deepwater operator

2006 Lease Sale Awards (2)

EPL Interests

Raton

Redrock

Amberjack

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Rocky Mountains and Williston Basin
Low cost entry price

Rocky Mountain acquisition at GOM
multiple
Large acreage position
Active drilling program with good
exploration and exploitation
opportunities

Low risk

Includes Bakken, Pinedale Anticline
and Jonah

Includes both natural gas wells
(Rocky Mountains) and oil wells
(Williston Basin)

Net production as of 3/31/06:

Rocky Mountains: 22 Mmcfe/day

Williston Basin: 1,850 Boe/day

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Significant Cost Savings Opportunities
\$4.50
\$6.78
\$8.28
\$4.76
\$4.93
\$6.08
\$5.98
\$11.94
\$0.00
\$5.00
\$10.00
\$15.00

2003

2004

2005

1Q06

Lease Operating Expense

(1)

Stone

EPL

(1) Numbers may include differing components

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Pro forma 2007 current estimate of ~\$55 million annualized savings

Synergies

Estimated Cost Savings

Operational Synergies

Annualized Savings:

~\$25 million

G&A Synergies

Annualized Savings:

~\$30 million

Personnel

Shore bases

Procurement

Cost tracking

Transportation

Insurance

Consultants

Compensation

23
Boat Loop
Helicopter Base
Helicopter Loop
Synergies -
Transportation Optimization
7 Helicopters
9 Boats
Stone Current
Total potential savings: \$9 million
2 Helicopters
2 Boats
1 Part time boat
EPL Current

8

12

Boats

5

9

Helicopters

Proposed

Current

Potential Combined Offshore

Transportation Loops

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RESERVE RANKINGS

Pro Forma Peer Comparisons

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PRODUCTION RANKINGS

(1) 12/31/05 reserves and production, pro forma for any subsequent transactions. Source: Company filings and Wall Street res

(2) As of 12/31/05; includes reserve adds from Stone's proposed Amberjack acquisition.

Reserves

Company

(Mboe)

Annual Production

Company

(Mboe)

Petro-Canada

117

Kerr-Mcgee

112	
Nexen	
65	
Noble Energy	
53	
Pioneer Natural Resources	
42	
Newfield Exploration	
40	
Murphy Oil	
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Energy Partners, Ltd. Pro Forma (2)	
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Plains E&P	
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W&T Offshore	
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Cimarex	
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Stone Energy Corp.	
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Forest Oil	
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Mariner Energy	
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St. Mary Land & Exploration	
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Range Resources	
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Cabot Oil & Gas	
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PetroHawk	
/ KCS	
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Ultra Petroleum	
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Whiting	
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Denbury	
Resources	
12	
Houston Exploration	
11	
Western Gas	
10	
Encore Acquisition Co.	
10	
Southwestern Energy	
10	
Swift Energy	

10	Quicksilver Resources
9	Berry Petroleum
8	CNX Gas
8	Energy Partners, Ltd.
8	Comstock Resources
8	Bill Barrett Corporation
7	Unit Corp.
7	Rosetta Resources
5	Petro-Canada
1,005	Kerr-Mcgee
907	Pioneer Natural Resources
865	Noble Energy
847	Nexen
657	Plains E&P
401	Ultra Petroleum
337	Newfield Exploration
333	Whiting
264	Range Resources
234	Cimarex
232	Cabot Oil & Gas
222	Murphy Oil
220	Forest Oil
212	Encore Acquisition Co.
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188	Quicksilver Resources

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St. Mary Land & Exploration	
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Berry Petroleum	
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Swift Energy	
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Stone Energy Corp.	
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Mariner Energy	
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Houston Exploration	
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ATP Oil & Gas	
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Comstock Resources	
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Unit Corp.	
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Rosetta Resources	
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Energy Partners, Ltd.	
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Bill Barrett Corporation	
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Bois d'Arc	
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Bois d'Arc	
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ATP Oil & Gas	
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Strengthens and diversifies presence in GOM at attractive price
Creates operational and administrative synergies that will provide
significant cost savings

Enhances ability to compete domestically and internationally

Augments EPL s
experienced operating, technical, financial and
administrative staff

Provides

low

cost

entry

into

Rocky

Mountains

and
Williston
Basin
with
experienced team already in place
A Winning Combination
Combined company will have the scale and scope
to drive continued growth and value creation

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Appendix

Recent Corporate Sales Transactions:

24.57

Gryphon Exploration Co.

Woodside Petroleum Ltd

9/01/05

21.90

Forest Oil (GOM spin-off)

Mariner Energy

9/12/05

41.69

Spinnaker Exploration

Norsk

Hydro ASA

9/19/05

30.04

Remington Oil & Gas Co

Helix Energy Solutions

1/23/06

16.72

Marlin Energy LLC

Energy XXI Gulf Coast Inc.

2/22/06

\$/Boe

Target

Acquiror

Date

Recent Asset Sales Transactions:

22.19

Kerr-McGee Corp.

W&T Offshore Inc.

1/24/06

48.00

Pioneer Natural Resources

Marubeni Corp.

2/23/06

22.56

Houston Exploration

Merit, Nippon Oil, Norsk

2/28/06

19.03

Houston Exploration

Merit Energy Company

4/07/06

22.48

BP plc

Apache Corp.

4/19/06

20.96

Pogo Producing

Mitsui & Company

4/20/06

\$23.15

Noble Energy

Coldren

Resources LP

5/16/06

\$/Boe

Seller

Buyer

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